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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9936

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS

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DEPARTMENT PASS CINCPAC AND USSAG NKP AND 13 AF AND DIA

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE IMMEDIATE FROM VIENTIANE JULY 12,
1974 REPEATED TO YOU FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SUFFERS POSSIBLE HEART ATTACK

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED BY PRINCE
MANGKHALA SOUVANNA PHOUMA THAT HIS FATHER HAS APPARENTLY
SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK OF UNESTABLISHED SERIOUSNESS IN
THE COURSE OF TODAY. THE PRIME MINISTER IS UNDER
INTENSIVE CARE AT HIS HOME WITH HIS FRENCH DOCTOR
AND FOUR LAO DOCTORS IN ATTENDANCE.

2. I WAS INFORMED THIS MORNING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER
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WAS LOOKING VERY BADLY AND FEELING VERY WEAK BUT HE WAS

RECEIVING VISITORS AND MET WITH A FRENCH BUSINESSMAN AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AMONG OTHERS. I AM CURRENTLY PROCEEDING TO HIS RESIDENCE TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION AND TO OFFER U.S. ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE LAO ARE TRYING TO KEEP THIS DEVELOPMENT QUIET AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT WHATSOEVER HAS YET BEEN MADE. IT APPEARS TO ME VERY UNLIKELY THAT THIS MATTER CAN BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL VERY LONG BUT IT SHOULD FOR THE MOMENT BE HANDLED DISCREETLY IN WASHINGTON.

4. FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW AFTER I HAVE CALLED AT THE RESIDENCE.
WHITEHOUSE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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